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**TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR HENRY COUNTY
ARMED BANK ROBBERIES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHRISTOPHER M YORK, 30, and JAY W. MARTT, 31, both of Henry County, Indiana, were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following their guilty pleas to two counts of armed bank robbery and one count of using a firearm during one of the robberies. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Henry County Sheriff's Department. YORK was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment and MARTT was sentenced to 14 years.

YORK and MARTT both plead guilty to twice robbing the First Union Bank in Mooreland, Indiana, first on October 27, 2003, and again on December 18, 2003.

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According to facts presented in court today, on October 27, 2003, YORK entered the First United Bank at 110 South Broad Street in Mooreland, Indiana, armed with a .22 caliber handgun, wearing dark clothing, a dark ski mask which covered his face, and dark gloves. YORK pointed the gun at tellers and demanded money from the tellers, cursing them and telling them to give him money and not to give him a dye pack. The tellers gave him \$6,000 in currency, which he stashed in a blue WalMart plastic bag. YORK exited the bank, stating words to the effect of "have a nice day, ladies." YORK then ran from the bank, got in a vehicle driven by MARTT, and fled Mooreland.

On December 18, 2003, YORK again entered the First United Bank branch in Mooreland, Indiana, brandishing a firearm, and wearing dark clothing, gloves, and a black ski mask covering his face. He demanded money from the tellers, using words similar to those used during the first robbery. Tellers gave YORK \$7,141.00 in currency, which he stashed in a blue plastic WalMart bag. YORK exited the bank, again stating words to the effect of "have a nice day, ladies," then ran to a vehicle driven by MARTT.

YORK and MARTT fled Mooreland in the vehicle. A witness saw the license plate number of the vehicle and provided it to police. A man who lived next door to the bank chased the vehicle in his truck after his wife saw the robber leave the bank; he provided the car's location to police. Law enforcement officers from four separate counties chased the vehicle, which eventually drove into a cornfield, where YORK and MARTT got out of the vehicle and ran into the woods. YORK and MARTT surrendered to law enforcement officers

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a short time later. Three firearms, a black ski mask, a blue WalMart bag, and a large amount of currency, including bank bait money, were recovered at the scene by police. The WalMart bag also contained a receipt for the ski mask, purchased approximately one hour before the robbery.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Susan Heckard Dowd, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also ordered YORK and MARTT to 5 serve years supervised release following their release from imprisonment. They were also both ordered to pay restitution to the bank in the amount of \$8,710.

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